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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **RON KING NAMED NEW SUPERINTENDENT AT SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION**

Jackson – Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Commissioner Christopher Epps today announced the appointment, effective immediately, of Ron King as the new Superintendent of the South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI). King's appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Superintendent David Turner, a 25-year veteran with (MDOC) at the end of November. "We are indeed fortunate to have had in our employ a person with Superintendent King's experience to assume the leadership role at SMCI. He has done a commendable job since joining MDOC's ranks as warden of SMCI Area II, a 1224 bed facility in March of this year."

King, a 22-year veteran in corrections, including 10 years with the Texas Department of Corrections, is a graduate of Sam Houston State University. Throughout his criminal justice career in correctional management, King has been involved in the broad spectrum of penology. His management roles have ranged from supervising special response teams and serving as a warden of maximum security facilities to community corrections involving Intensive Supervision for probation cases and as an administrator of a center for young offenders. He has also played a supporting role in the ACA accreditation process. Prior to accepting his position as warden at SMCI, King served as the Administrator of the Colorado County Juvenile Justice Center and Warden of the South Texas Intermediate Sanction Facility in Houston, Texas.

"I am excited and honored to have been selected to serve as superintendent at SMCI," said Superintendent King. "It is a great challenge and a personal honor for me to have the opportunity to play a role in leading SMCI. The institution has an exceptional staff and I look forward to taking the facility to the next level of professionalism now that the prison has received full accreditation from the American Correctional Association."

